

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2005.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Randy Menard – Chair (District 9), Rob Stevenson – Vice Chair (District 8), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D. (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7),

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Anne Patin (Sr. Administrative Assistant), Sally Angers (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L. J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Becky Lalumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Gail Smith (Director of Administrative Services), Terry Huval (Utilities Director), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel), Tom Carroll (Public Works Director)

OTHERS: Jerry Osborne, Bond Attorney

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(112) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Councilmember Randy Menard called the Special Joint Lafayette City-Parish Council/Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of April 5, 2005 to order.

A motion was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Conque, to appoint Councilmember Randy Menard as Chair for the Joint Meeting, and the vote was as follows:

Council Vote:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams, Benjamin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

LPUA Vote:

YEAS: Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams, Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(129) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. R-031-2005 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council accepting the Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report, dated March 22, 2005 (entitled “Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report, dated March 22, 2005”) prepared by R. W. Beck, Inc. for and on behalf of the Lafayette Utilities System, relating to an election to authorize the issuance of Revenue Bonds to finance improvements to the communications system and other purposes, ordering the filing thereof and providing for publication of a summary of such report in the official journal of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as required by Section 5-08 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, motion to adopt by Stevenson, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Speakers signing in to speak were Kaliste Saloom, III and Andy Hebert.

Saloom spoke in support of the fiber optics to the home and requested that the Council approve the resolution.

Hebert questioned the need to adopt two separate resolutions. He stated that he felt it was unnecessary to do this since LPUA and the Council have adopted a single resolution at previous joint meetings.

Upon questioning by Menard, Jerry Osborne, Attorney with Foley & Judell, L.L.P., stated that the important thing is to get the approval of both LPUA and the Council. He stated that it could be done with one resolution or two separate resolutions and doing it separately also accomplishes the requirements of the Charter. Either way expresses the will of the two entities.

Upon questioning by Williams, Osborne said the next step is to order and call the election and apply to the State Bond Commission for consenting authority, which is scheduled for the next meeting. Following that would be the election, canvassing of the returns and then issuance of the bonds.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(291) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. R-003-2005 (LPUA) A resolution of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority accepting the Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report, dated March 22, 2005 (entitled "Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report, dated March 22, 2005") prepared by R. W. Beck, Inc. for and on behalf of the Lafayette Utilities System, relating to an election to authorize the issuance of Revenue Bonds to finance improvements to the communications system and other purposes, ordering the filing thereof and providing for publication of a summary of such report in the official journal of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as required by Section 5-08 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, motion to adopt by Stevenson, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Speakers signing in to speak were Kaliste Saloom, III and Andy Hebert.

Saloom spoke in favor of the resolution and urged the members to approve it.

Hebert questioned what would happen to the funds if the plan to implement the fiber optics system does not happen.

Upon questioning by Menard, Terry Huval, Utilities Director, stated that the plan is to take a very careful implementation of the fiber optics system allowing for the flexibility on the use of monies that are borrowed for the system, and the funds can be used elsewhere within the LUS system if it is needed. He stated that this is very highly unlikely, as it is felt that the project will be very successful and provide all of the services that are proposed in the plan.

Benjamin declared that he is in full support of this issue.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(500) There being no further business to come before the Special Joint meeting of the Lafayette City-Parish Council/Lafayette Public Utilities Authority, Chair Menard declared the meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL